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LETTER DATED 19 DECEMBER 1994 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the statement of the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia of 19 December 1994.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Statement of the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia on the involvement of the regular units of the Croatian Army in the fighting in former Bosnia-Herzegovina and the provocations against the Republic of Serbian Krajina

The Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia condemns most strongly the presence of the regular military units of Croatia in the territory of the former Yugoslav Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina and their direct participation in the conflict in the area of Glamoc, Livansko polje and Grahovo. According to reliable data, several thousand members of the regular Army of Croatia, with heavy arms, are engaged in north-western Bosnia. Their participation in the fighting on foreign territory has been followed with a broad media campaign in the Republic of Croatia.

The Croatian military engagement constitutes a gross violation of international law and the Charter of the United Nations, as well as a flagrant violation of United Nations Security Council resolutions 752 (1992), 757 (1992) and 787 (1992). By provoking the escalation of the conflict, Croatia is directly opposing the efforts of the international community and the efforts of the Contact Group, in particular, aimed at finding a peaceful and just solution to the civil war in former Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia supports the efforts invested through the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) by the United Nations aimed at securing the immediate withdrawal of the regular military forces of the Republic of Croatia from the territory of former Bosnia-Herzegovina. The Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia requests the Security Council and the United Nations to take urgently all necessary measures against the Republic of Croatia, with the aim of having it stop every aspect of military and other interference in the civil war in former Bosnia-Herzegovina, as well as all military provocations against the Republic of Serbian Krajina.